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SUBJECTC COMMUNIST INCUMBENT MAYOR DEFEATED

1. IN A CLOSE RACE FOR MAYOR OF TOMIGUSUKU CITY OCT 27, OSHIRO TOSHIO, AN INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED BY THE JSP, DSP AND KOMEITO, DEFEATED COMMUNIST INCUMBENT MAYOR MATAYOSHI ICHIRO, SUPPORTED BY THE JCP AND THE OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY (OSMP). THE LDP DID NOT OFFICIALLY SUPPORT EITHER CANDIDATE, BUT PRESUMABLY THOSE CONSERVATIVES WHO VOTED SUPPORTED OSHIRO.

2. COMMENT: TOMIGUSUKU HAD BEEN A COMMUNIST STRONGHOLD AND

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THE DEFEAT OF THE JCP IS A SEVERE BLOW FOR THEM. THE ELECTORATE HAS NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION FOUR YEARS AGO, IN WHICH MATAYOSHI DEFEATED A CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE BY A SMALL MARGIN. THE ELECTION NOT ONLY SPLIT THE REFORMIST COALITION INTO OPPOSING CAMPS, BUT ALSO FORCED THE MODERATE REFORMIST OSMP INTO AN UNNATURAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JCP, BECAUSE OF THE OSMP'S INTENSE RIVALRY WITH THE OTHER SOCIALIST PARTIES.

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